## THREE LETTERS TO NYE.

ETIQUETTE, JERRY SIMPSON AND EXERCISE LARGELY FIGURE.

Is It Proper to Rudely Crush a Fly? Murray Hill Comes to the Front-Jerry's Life Obtained from an Authority. Points on Bowling.

[Copyright, 1891, by Edgar W. Nye.] A correspondent writing from Savona's Ferry, British Columbia, says: "Last ummer while dining at a friend's house, being annoyed by a large bluebottle or blow fly, the hostess squashed it with her knife. The cook had to be called to exchange the soiled knife. Do you not think it was very rude to squash the fly on the dinner table? What would you have done?"

It is very hard to say at times what would be best, but referring the matter to a warm, intimate friend on Murray Hill, who uses our large kettle to make



I FORGET MY PROMISES soap in every spring, and with whom we are on terms of the closest intimacy. I find that it is not regarded as an evidence of refinement to squash a fly on

the table by means of one's knife. Possibly in New York we may be supersensitive on this question, but speaking for myself I must say that we have not, for the past year and a half, allowed ourselves the coarse gratification of squashing flies at meal time, especially when we had any of the corned heads or Guelph outfit stopping with us.

Still, all these things are matters of taste. I had a college friend who became a dentist, preferring it, as he said, to the ministry because he never could pray worth a cuss on an empty stomach. Well, he had a preoccupied way of boring out old cavities and wiping off the apex of his drill on his trousers. This did not cut into his practice where he was, but one day he outgrew the town and wore a high hat. He said that he was sick of perusing the wide sweep of the Farmers' Alliance tonsil, so he sold his cow and moved to a flat on Lexington avenue looking east.

He looked out the window there for a few months, thinking and banting. Then a young lady from near the Forty-second street reservoir came to get her mouth surveyed. In the mirror she saw him wine his instrument on a bald spot just forward of the portable mantel on which he was wont to scratch his matches mostly, and with a wild scream she fled with a rubber dam in her mouth and a tinker's dam in her portmodie with which to pay the dentist. She was caught on Fifth avenue a half hour later, and pulled out from under one of Colonel Jewdesprit Shepard's portable sawmills.

But her mind was gone. So has the dentist.

You see that these matters are largely local in their nature. British Columbia enstoms may sanction certain practices which on Beacon street or Madison avenue would be coughed down. Now, for instance, we had a fashion in my native town of regarding it as a personal insult if your guest left a heel tap or dregs, even if you left one dreg in your glass, Your host had a right to feel hurt and to regard it as a mild contempt for your rum. But when I began to move around restlessly in good society, and exhibit inv earnest and hearty indorsement of the wine by approving of it in the crude way to which I had been accustomed, a swift footed garcon filled the glass again and kept me approving the host's good taste till my remarks were not logical. I would start out with a good premise, and before I could reach a conclusion the premise would escape my mind. I learn new that it is not correct to drink the entire contents of one's glass unless one wants to do so very much indeed. One should sip the liquid-if at allslowly through one's mustache, meantime looking far, far away, as if trying to recall the name of the brand; but never should one eat or drink as if one took any interest in it. That is excessively vulgar. Eat with a preoccupied and tiddledewinks air, as one would who lived high at home and might be for the nonce out doing some polite slumming

Estacado Jesus de Fonseca, of Conejos county, Colo., writes to know "Who is Jerry Simpson, the newly elected statesman now in Washington, and what are his qualifications as a lawmaker?"

Jeremiah Simpson is the congressman from the Seventh district of Kansas. He is a native of New Brunswick, and at fourteen years of age went to sea, where he became a victim to the habit of going utterly without socks. He takes great pride in his well turned mahogany an-kles and richly carved legs. At full dress parties and receptions the coming season he will offset the low corsage of the finely formed Washington belies by wearing a set of high cut panties, revealing his well groomed though still slightly chapped ankles.

He was mate of a large bark at the age of twenty-two years, and thirteen years ago left the sea to locate a place in Kansas The Sockless Cicero of Kansas, as he is playfully called, was largely in his later years a fresh water sailor, and his last vessel was wrecked off Ludington, on Lake Michigan, and all on board were saved through the heroism

Captain Jerry Simpson is now a farmer, and it is said was elected because he showed or the stump his sockless condi-

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tion, claiming that he was so poor and honest that he could not afford socks. His successor will doubtless be a plain man, who will go about canvasting the Seventh district and wiping his nose on the top rail of the fair ground fence because he is so plain and poor that he cannot afford a handkerchief.

Until last June Mr. Simpson was the city marshal of Medicine Lodge. He was up to that time regarded as short on genius and long on socks. Now it is otherwise. Next to the "Krentzer Sonata" and the young lady at the Fourteenth street museum who has a heavy sorrel mane down her spinal column, the Sockless holds the age on public notice. Colonel Marsh Merdock was the first

to discover that Jerry did not wear socks. The two went in swimming together during the campaign, and then socked owns 640 acres of land, which is en Medical Discovery. this year all into wheat, or nearly so at

He also owns several head of bright young heifers, several of whom will enter the milch arena this spring. Mr. Simpson is the author of a small blue book on "The Care of the Cow, and Udder Information Generally." It is dedi-cated to Thomas Brower Peacock, the poet of Topeka.

I am indebted for most of the above facts to Mr. Simpson's Medicine Lodge biographer and chiropodist, who wishes me to say that he treats all troubles of the feet, such as corns, bunions and ingrowing nails, chilblains, quarter crack, etc., etc., by mail as well as personally. He has a bust of Mr. Simpson's foot at his place, and cheerfully answers all questions regarding the great man.

Mr. Simpson is the humorous feature of the new and powerful movement which seems to create general mirth, but there is a power and a principle be-hind it all to which it will be profitable to pay attention. It may not win this time nor next time, but when it does win the professional politician will do well to get into his cyclone cellar and spread his umbrella.

Charles Lederer, Chicago, writes: "I am an artist, and have very little exercise indeed. What would you advise? Do you favor bowling? Did you ever bowl any?"

Yes, Charles, I have bowled in the happy past. I favor it. Bowling builds up a person real well. You will find a good bowling club near the Germania, on the North Side, where a lot of talented cusses go for to bowl. I removed my dressing sacque and bowled there one evening quite a while. The city librarian was present. He asked me to bowl. I had never before bowled. At the end of a long, straight, convex alley stood several wooden pins, which it is the object of the player to knock over by means of large, heavy balls also made of wood. If the player can at the same time also mutilate a small mulatto boy who sets up the pins much mirth is added to the game. I went there needing exercise, and got so much of it that I have not needed any at all ever since. I did not knock over any pins, but I got the exercise.

A few days afterward I met the hoary headed librarian on the street. He said, "I must tell you that we had a job put up on you at the Bowling club the other

"Ah!" said I cheerily. "What was it?"
"Well, we arranged a string in front of the pins so that we could throw your ball off the track every time, and thus we could prevent your getting a single pin even by accident. But," he added, with a tremendous sigh that was almost a sob, "it was not much of a success."

"Why? Why because your ball never got to the string."

Yet I regard bowling as a healthful exercise, and far superior to the mutilation of scroll saw brackets and members of the family by means of Indian clubs I have also tried dumb bells. A very large one is now holding my door shut as I write these lines.

But I was benefited more by the game of bowls, I think, than by any other game I ever played. Tiddlede-

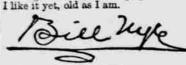


HARD AT IT.

devotees. Oatmeal and Tiddledewinks will annually carry off their thousands just as they have always done, but bowling is more preferable, I think.

I used to have a health lift, but our relations became strained in two places, so I swapped it for a 2-year-old steer, whose tail it was my blessed privilege to twist at early dawn each gladsome morn for six weeks, and together we would go around the straw pile at a high rate of speed. I was never thrown

among a brighter or more piquant steer during my public life. Exercise is a great boon. It keeps a great many people out of mischief, and can hardly do any harm if not carried to excess. I have received great benefit myself from moderate exercise taken from time to time on a pasteboard annual railroad pass about the size of a visiting card. It was highly beneficial.



Answered.

Miss Physics-Dear Mr. Physiology, you remind me of a barometer that is filled with nothing in your upper story. Mr. Physiology-You occupy my upper story, my dear Miss Physics.-Rochester Talisman.

Rest in Peace.

In a graveyard near Paris there is this

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I remember during one voyage there was a lady passenger on board who was very fond of making nasty remarks apparently to herself, but just loud enough to be heard by everybody present. One day at dinner Captain Mehun was carv-ing a very nice saddle of mutton, and, sailorlike, he certainly carved with rather a heavy hand. When a plate was handed to this lady, who I will call Lady M-, she said to herself (but in a tone loud enough for everybody to hear),

took no notice, however, but continued a sailor's yarn he had been relating as if he had heard nothing. After a short time, seeing that Lady M--- had nearly

Then addressing Lady M-, continued: "I have a very prime cut here. Pray allow me to give your ladyship a small piece more."

Lady M-Lady M-. "As you say, it is very nice. I think you may give me the smallest piece more."

into fits of laughter, much to the discomfort of Lady M-. Verily, Captain Mehun had his revenge.-Tid-Bits.



Chairman-De gen'leman will state de

should take 'em in de traditional way,

An American Fable.

ied the Sage as he crossed his Legs and cut off a Chaw of Ping Tobacco. "Yesterday I Picked up a Horseshoe in a Blacksmith Shop."

"I see." "It was red hot."

"Teach me, oh, Sage, how to Tell the

as Rolling off a Log. Wait until some other Boy has Picked up the Shoe, and

Moral: But we never do.-Detroit

"The previous speaker is a marquis. Pharamond."

"A deputy of the advanced school must be filthy to a degree if he can keep his temper on being told that he changes his opinions as often as his shirt."-Le

Case of Mild Envy. Irene-You ought to be thankful you haven't a great big mouth like mine. Laura-Your mouth is none too large, dear. I quite envy you. My mouth

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emptied her plate, Captain Mehun said in a very persuasive tone: "This is really a delicious saddle."

"Thank you, Captain Mehun," replied ady M—. "As you say, it is very

"Steward," said Captain Mehun, instantly, "be so kind and back Lady M--'s cart up again, if you please," This remark simply sent the company



Mr. Coonz-I move, Mistah Chairman lat Sam Blackie be expelled from de

nature ob his charge. Mr. Coonz-Breakin' into a feather shop, sah. Ef a man wants feathers he

sah, on de live bird.-Puck.

A Boy who had his hand wrapped up in a Bandage called upon a well known "Oh, Sage, I am but a young and in-

nocent Kid, and I Desire to be made "What wouldst Thou, my Son?" quer-

"As usual."

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"Did he give you a good recommenda-

"Yas-sir: he dun write it, an' said I

wuz de mos' mendacious an' fallible nig-

He Called. The other day a citizen who rides down

town on the platform of a Cass avenue

car every morning received a postal card

asking him to call at a fourth story room

in a down town block, and he lost no

time in putting in an appearance. He

found the occupant to be a man who

often rode on the same car with him, and

the latter at once got to business by say

"Thursday morning last we rode down

"Y-e-s. It was snowing. I gave you

"Exactly. About one hundred feet

"About seventy-five feet after we had

made the curve from Ledvard street I

replied that I never had. I was honest

in that reply, but I got to thinking the

matter over and decided to consult my

weather record. I now find that I mis-

"I find that March, 1847, and March,

1862, were exactly such Marches as this-

I therefore deceived you when I said I

had never seen such March weather.

I beg your pardon and express my re-

He went out and shut the door after

him, and then stood there three or four

minutes, undecide what to do. He finally walked off to the head of the

stairs, took off his overcoat and pushed

up his sleeves and waited for forty min-

utes more, but it was in vain. The mis-

taken man did not appear. - Detroit Free

"That is all. Good day."

west of Cass avenue you asked me if I

ever saw such March weather."

a light for your cigar."

led you."

"How?"

"But-but"-

gah he knowed."—Harper's Weekly.

Mr. Smithers.'

"Yas-sir."

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"A sailor I shall be."
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He had to go to bed.
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He first said "yes," then "no." "To make a choice is hard," he said, "But what, then, will you be?" I asked,
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has just come in for the purpose of at-

tending to the ventilation. He is attired

in plain black and wears a patch over

one eye. I remark, fourthly, that this

clause in the text," etc.-Chicago Trib-

ment in his discourse.

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